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1. Soviet merchant marine officers are being appointed to ships of the Polish merchant fleet. Normally they will be 1st officers and will eventually replace the Polish captains.

2. In connection with this, a rumor is spreading among Polish merchant marine officers that all former naval officers at present serving in the merchant marine, especially ship's captains of the merchant marine, are to be released from the service and replaced by Soviet officers, or by Poles who are trusted by the Soviet authorities and who have no family connection whatever with the West.

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